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New York Meeting Faces Emergency

For the sake of economy the regular mid-winter Conference which is usually held in Chicago in January was omitted and the Executive and Administrative Committees of the Commission on Missions and the various home boards were held in New York. A number of superintendents, for the most part from eastern states, met for informal conference. Superintendent Gill attended as president of the Superintendent's Conference and participated in the various meetings and discussions.

Secretary Merrill of the Commission on Missions reported a preliminary tabulation of all benevolence income of the denomination: state, home and foreign, showing a total loss for the year 1931 of $459,000 over the gifts in 1930. This was a loss of more than 16%.

Various measures of ecenomy were introduced or reported. The Commission on Missions has cut its budget by about $27,000. This will involve a reduction in the size of the Guest Book and a curtailment of the appropriation for newspaper publicity. It also means a reduction in salaries by 5% of all persons receiving more than $1,300 a year.

The Ministerial Boards have made a reduction of 5% in all salaries and appropriations for relief. The American Board has not reduced salaries, but is receiving contributions from its staff, both at home and abroad, which will amount to a very substantial percentage of the budget, and is elimi nating pieces of work here and there, including the School of Religion at Athens.

The Church Extension Boards have not reduced salaries or appropriations, but have raised among their workers both in the office and on the field, a fund amounting to several hundred dollars a month, to meet the emergency in the northwest where depression and drought have combined to impoverish the people so that many ministers are receiving no salaries from their churches at all.

In spite of the economies thus effected all of the Boards are carrying greatly increased deficits.

To meet this, "The Dollar Plan" has been adopted. The idea is to ask every member and friend of our churches who is able to make a special contribution of one dollar to be used to wipe out the deficits of 1931 and to diminish those of 1932.

A simple plan is to be followed. By the first of March the Commission on Missions will have ready for distribution to the churches through the state offices coin folders with spaces for ten dimes. These are to be given out before Easter and to be collected just before the meeting of the state conference in all states having such gatherings in the spring. The proceeds are to be divided between the State Conference, the Home Boards, and the American Board in accordance with the accepted percentages, but are not to be counted on the regular apportionment.

Whether our own Conference will participate will depend upon the action of the Committee on Benevolence Promotion and the Board of Directors.

THE STORY OF 1931

On January 11th final reports of benevolence receipts were made. These reports showed totals as follows:

For the Home Boards	**$ 8,077.73**
For the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions	**12,761.35**
For our own State Conference	**22,690.06**
For State Ministerial Relief Fund	**467.28**
Total	**$43,996.42**

These figures are of course subject to correction and do not include remittances made directly to the eastern offices of the Boards. This represents a loss of about $2,000 in regular apportionment receipts over a year ago, to say nothing of the $8,000 of the Plan of Advance in 1930. In other words, a total loss of about $10,000.

The report to our Conference Board of Directors on January 11th showed a deficit for operations during 1931 of approximately $3,500. This means that we actually spent $4,500 in cash more than we received for our state work. This money was borrowed from the Wells Fargo Bank and Union Trust Company, so that our loans to that bank are now nearly $5,000 more than they were a year ago.

On recommendation of the appropriations committee, the Board unanimously voted to continue salaries and missionary grants at the same rate that was in effect during the last quarter of 1931, until the close of the fiscal year on March 31st next. It was felt that at that time a thoroughgoing revision of the budget could be more intelligently undertaken.

PASTORAL CONFERENCE

The Pacific School of Religion has announced the program of the twelfth Interdenominational Pastoral Conference, which will be held beginning the evening of February 22nd and continue through the 25th. Rev. Frederick Bohn Fisher, minister of the First Methodist Church in Ann Arbor, and formerly Bishop in India, will give the Earl Lectures on the subject: "Statesmanship of the Living East." He will give one day-time address on "What is Wrong with Christian Missions." Rev. William Adams Brown of Union Seminary will give two addresses on the general theme: "Finding and Sharing God." Rev. Henry Nelson Wieman of Chicago Divinity School will speak three times on "Theo-Centric Religion." Rev. John Wright Buckman will give two addresses on "Experience of God" and "The Idea of God." Rev. Chester C. McCown will speak twice on "A Vanished Christian Empire." Rev. Harley H. Gill will conduct a conference on Evangelism. The devotional services each day will be led by Rev. O. W. S. McCall who will use as his theme: "The Approach to God."

Congregational pastors are asked to meet for luncheon Thursday noon, February 25th, at the University Christian Church.

CAN IT BE POSSIBLE?

Contributions of clothing to the Indians of Fort Bidwell are always gratefully received, but The Pacific is forced to call the attention of our people to the fact that recently some of the clothes that have been sent have been fearfully dirty and two or three times people have written to Miss Mary Coxhead, the missionary, that she probably had plenty of time to wash the clothes, while the donors were very busy. It is hard to believe that any members of our churches in California would be so inconsiderate. With the thousands of miles which Miss Coxhead must drive every month, with religious services being conducted in four widely separated places, with the task of sorting and giving out of clothes and toys, it is too much to ask that she should wash them. The Conference office is therefore instructing Miss Coxhead that in the future garments that are in this condition should be destroyed.

Pastors or churches desiring extra copies of the questionnaire sent out by the Social Relations Committee, may secure them from the Conference office by paying the actual cost, which amounts to 60c per hundred copies.

THE RISING TIDE OF UNEMPLOYMENT

More than 6,000,000 Americans were wholly without employment last January, according to an estimate announced in March by Secretary of Commerce Lamont. We have no quarrel with this estimate. It seemed to us at the time to be as accurate as could be hoped for considering our lack of machinery for gathering truly reliable employment statistics. True we do not understand why this estimate is widely held to be true of conditions today. The American Federation of Labor, the American Legion, Senator La Fallette, and numerous other private and public authorities continue to estimate the number of unemployed at somewhere between six and seven million. They may be correct in their assumption, but statistics pertaining to industrial activity suggest that they are not. The New York Times general business index fell from 79.4 on December 20, 1930, to 63.1 on December 19, 1931. The steel production index dropped in the same period from 51.7 to 32.4; automobile production from 98.3 to 39.8; and weekly freight-car loadings declined from 713,865 to 581,733. Each of these indicators, as well as numerous others, points very clearly to a sharp reduction in industrial activity in the past twelve months. It may be barely possible that out of the goodness of their hearts, or for some other reason, employers of labor have kept their workers on the pay rolls although there has been no work for them to do. But our guess, supported by numerous authentic reports, is that the reduction of working forces continued apace throughout 1931. It is likely, if the above indices can be accepted as dependable, that the total number of unemployed today exceeds 10,000,000.—THE NATION, January 13, 1932.

Bay Area Elects Officers for Year

The Bay Association held its annual meeting at First Church, San Francisco, on Tuesday, January 12. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Moderator: Rev. Norman W. Pendleton.
Vice Moderator: Mrs. C. A. Kofoid.
Registrar: Rev. C. D. Milliken.
Asst. Registrar: Mr. J. E. Boyd.
Treasurer: Mr. C. W. Brock.
Auditor: Mr. C. B. Wingate

Directors:

1933: Rev. T. T. Giffen
Rev. F. J. Van Horn
Mr. F. H. Seely
Mr. E. P. Hunt
Judge C. D. Wilbur
Rev. Gail Cleland

1934: Mr. C. W. Brock
Mr. D. H. Dexter
Rev. N. W. Pendleton
Mr. W. H. Hitchings
Rev. E. F. W. Swan
Mr. George H. Carlson

1935: Mr. A. C. Jensen
Mr. E. T. Leiter
Rev. E. W. Benedict
Prof. G. T. Tolson
Mr. A. F. Peterson
Dr. H. B. Ward

Credentials Committee:

1933: Rev. R. C. Day
Rev. W. W. Ferrier

1934: Rev. T. T. Giffen
Rev. Dennis Goodsell

1935: Rev. C. H. Cleaves
Rev. H. F. Swartz.

NOT YOURS BUT YOU

An open letter to a member who is unable to subscribe:

"Not Your's but You!" Our Church's feeling is expressed in this apostolic salutation.

We want YOU, irrespective of your ability to subscribe. We want you more than ever now, for now you are more than ever in need of the Church. If you are feeling the depression, as we all do, this is all the more reason why you should come, to be buoyed in spirit by our fellowship in worship.

I earnestly hope that no one is staying away from church because of inability to give money. There are so many other things you can give—most of all, YOURSELF.

Ours is a democratic church. All its privileges are yours without regard to your financial ability.

—Rev. Lawrence Wilson,
in The Pioneer.

"The hope expressed in some quarters that a war between Japan and China, or Japan and Russia, would stimulate prosperity is grimly humorous but does not withstand analysis. None of these nations can afford to buy much in the United States beyond their ordinary peacetime requirements without borrowing from us. And none of them can borrow this money. Japan is now more heavily in debt to foreigners, in proportion to her per capita wealth, than any first-class nation except Germany, and it is hardly to be expected that, after our recent experience with foreign bonds, we should be willing to plunge heavily in financing Japan to carry on an agressive war which could only bankrupt her."

—Facts for Workers.

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FRIENDS

The many friends of President Mary E. Branch will be delighted to know that the present enrollment of Tillotson College exceeds that of a year ago by 16%, and the senior class enrollment is double that of last year. A mission Sunday School has been organized by six young women students among under-privileged children. The students have volunteered to provide clothing for the children as well as to conduct the Sunday School.

Friends of Superintendent C. H. Harrison of Oregon will regret to learn of the very sudden death of Mrs. Harrison on New Year's day. She had just returned from Denver where she had been visiting a relative who had suffered an automobile accident. What appeared to be a simple cold developed into spinal meningitis, and she passed away within three days of her first illness.

Friends of Dr. and Mrs. Frank Hodgdon will be interested to learn that they are making their home at 59 Forest Ave., Riverside Illinois. Both of these good friends have suffered very serious illness, but have now quite fully recovered.

Friends of Rev. and Mrs. P. F. Royola will be glad to learn that Mr. Royola is at work in the province of Laguna, under the auspices of the United Evangelical Church of the Philippine Islands. His address is: Pagsanjan, Laguna, P. I.

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

Our churches are increasingly using the Fellowship of Prayer during the Lenten season. This year the material was prepared by Rev. Dwight Bradley, who was at one time associate pastor of Plymouth Church, Oakland, and has become one of the foremost ministers in our fellowship. Last year about 600,000 copies were circulated and thousands of individuals followed the readings through the newspaper or by radio.

Our office is prepared to fill the orders of churches and individuals at the regular rate of 2c per copy.

Irving Fisher, the well known political economist of Yale, says that Prohobition has saved the people of the United States at least six billion dollars annually.

—Prohibition at Its Worst, Irving Fisher, 159.

"I am completing my thirty-fourth year as high school teacher and principal here," said Gilbert Raynor of Brooklyn, "and I have never known a time when our young people were as free from the blighting effect of intoxicating liquor as now." * * *

MT. SILINDA

Dr. Thompson retires and is deeply missed by native peoples.

The native people near Mt. Silinda, East Africa, recently presented Dr. William L. Thompson with a can before they bade him good-by. He is retiring after forty years of service on the field.

Among the various speeches of appreciation made by the native men was the following by Nkiyane Mhlanga:

"I am very sorry about Dr. and Mrs. Thompson going away. I am afraid because Dr. and Mrs. Thompson are leaving us. When Doctor came, he was full of love. He was kind and willing to die for the people. He used his own hands. He sawed planks himself, to teach the people to saw. There are boys in school whose lives have been saved by Dr. Thompson. He used his medical knowledge to help the suffering women and they are now alive. He went any place in the dark or the rain. He simply got his bag, and went. Mrs. Thompson did not catch him by the coat tail as he left. She knew why they came. Even today they do not open the door and say: 'What do you want') but, 'come in, take a chair.' Mrs. Thompson says: 'Are you well'; and, 'are they all well at home?' May God be with you. Think of us and pray for for us as we shall do for you."

Dr. Thompson replied graciously, saying that he wished that he had more of life to give, and that it was hard for him to leave, after spending so many years among these people.

A CONGREGATIONAL TRIUMPH

The great Christmas Fund of the Board of Ministerial Relief, which is always of such vital interest to all our church people, closed on January 5th with a total of $73,513, a sum just below that of 1929 and larger than that of any previous year. The gifts came from a total of 6,742 people. The month of December, always a busy and exciting month at the office of the Board, became thrilling this year, as day after day brought its hundreds of contributions, and anxiety and apprehension changed to a deep joy in the realization that devoted and loyal friends, even though their own incomes had been cut almost to the point of privation, had determined that our aged and disabled ministers and their families should not be forgotten.

Some of the letters were very touching; one, for instance, from the pastor of a German Congregational Church on the Pacific Coast, which read as follows: "I am enclosing a check for $7.00, the gift of my church for the old ministers' Christmas Fund. Our people are all laborers and some have not had any work for over a year. At present almost all are laid off and no one knows when they will be able to start work again. We hope that our little gift will help to make some of these old servants of the Lord happy."

Another donor, the daughter of a Congregational minister whose mother is a beneficiary of the Board, wrote: "Each Christmas since Father died, I have added one dollar to my gift of the previous year. I know it is not much, but I hope always to be rich enough to continue that plan indefinitely in memory of my father, because he always managed to give something to the Christmas Fund and because you have been so good to my mother."

In the face of such sacrificial giving, one can only lift up his heart in praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God for such a spirit of brotherly love shown by His children. The Board was able to send a substantial Christmas check to each of the 850 families on the roll of the national and state Boards of Relief, and will have an emergency fund from which cases of distress can be relieved during the coming year.

INDIA'S NEW WOMAN

Speaker at Federation meeting describes progress in India

Miss Gertrude Harris, of Ahmednagar, India, spoke most instructively on "How India Overcomes Obstacles," tracing back into the dim past to that time when India had no caste and showing the rise of the various systems of Philosophy, child marriage and other customs that today have such a firm hold upon the Land of the Trident.

She made it clear that the people of India do realize their many faults and are striving to correct them. Some of us wondered if we in America were trying as hard to understand and solve our problems.

Two years ago at the "All India Women's Conference," when vital problems of the day were discussed, a working committee was composed of ALL creeds, ALL colors, ALL races, WITHOUT DISTINCTION.

Some of the Hindus themselves deplore the obscene figures on their temples and when preparing for a conference at Bombay said that these vulgar representations must be effaced before their wives and daughters would be allowed to go there, and also that their temples must be open to all classes, even to the untouchables.

When the Child Marriage Restraint Act was passed in 1929, a thousand people crowded about the home of its author. Two, dressed to represent his wife and daughter, and with wailing and shouting, cried continually, "Sarda is dead, Sarda is dead."

It will take time and require much education before India will emerge from her present condition and fulfill the hopes of those having her best interests at heart. The pulse of the most thoughtful of India's host may be felt in the remark of a Bombay editor in his newspaper. He says, "The Carpenter of Nazareth, alone, has taught us that God is love."

CONGREGATIONAL RELIEF

In forwarding a renewal application for ministerial relief funds, the following letter was sent, which shows what good we are able to do through these appropriations.

"I am signing the application blank again, as much as I had hoped never to have to. But added years with increasing infirmities and medical needs have caused me to do so. Besides present business depressions have effected my other means of maintenance. Yet, notwithstanding this, I wish the Board to act justly and grant aid to those more needy, and leave me out if necessary. I know there will be some way provided for there always has been. I am SO thankful for all this aid has been to me in the past. What an abundant reward awaits those who have ministered in Christ's name to His needy children here! It is wonderful, the Spirit of Christ in the heart of man."

Our readers will be happy to know that the Board was able to continue the appropriation to this noble and unselfish pensioner.

During 1931, 43 of the 48 state legislatures were in session, and the opponents of prohibition, boasting of their power, introduced 115 different wet measures, but every repeal measure was defeated, and only 11 minor measures were enacted into law.

ALEPPO AND THE ADKINS FAMILY

Aleppo, where Rev and Mrs. Leslie J. Adkins are stationed, is the largest city in Syria, having a population of 300,000 people. Most of the city is built in the style of the Middle Ages; the walls are often three feet thick and the streets are very narrow. "From the middle of the city rises a mammoth mound on which is an ancient fortification of uncertain origin." The city is noted for its large, colorful bazaars containing articles which fascinate tourists. On the streets one sees many different costumes, that of the desert Arabs being the most picturesque. "The small new part of the city is built much in European fashion, the newest type of houses being of the apartment-house type, although they are generally not very conveniently arranged."

Mr. and Mrs. Adkins write in a recent letter; "Arabic is the official language, but Turkish is the mother-tongue of a large minority and is widely spoken outside this group because under the Turkish Empire, up until the Armistice, all governmental education was conducted in Turkish. Our language is Turkish. Wherever we go it is easy to make friends, and this is our first step in the task of recommending to them the new ideas and principles involved in Jesus' way of life. Sometimes strange stories are confided to us. Sometimes we have an opportunity to contribute to better relations between the different races or religious sects. On one or two occasions we have gotten children and young people of all parties in the same town together, joining in athletic contests and games, and in this way brought the groups nearer together. Whatever the means to the end, our objective is friendliness, and through friendliness the sharing of the intellectual and spiritual privileges we have had."

Mr. and Mrs. Adkins are supported by First Church, Oakland.

HELLO, HAWAII

Over 112 years ago it took an intrepid group of American Board missionaries, sailing from the port of Boston, more than five months to reach the Hawaiian Islands, then called the Sandwich Islands. On Wednesday night, December 23, Dr. D. Brewer Eddy took down the receiver of a telephone and in a second's time spoke to President Emil Berndt of the Hawaiian Evangelical Association returning a message from the Throne Room of the Capitol Building in Honolulu. The occasion was the opening of the radio telephone service from the U. S. to the Hawaiian Islands by the American Telephone and Telegraph Co.. The American Board, because its missionaries "saved," in several senses, the islands, **sent the first message from New England.** The February MISSIONARY HERALD will contain a fine write-up, illustrated, which you will not want to miss.

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NEWS FROM CHURCHES AND THEIR LEADERS

REDWOOD CITY. The 69th annual meeting of the First Congregational Church of Redwood City was held in the church parlors on January 21st. Dinner was served to 220 members and friends. Rev. C. H. Stevens presided at the meeting and called for the reports of the various departments of the church, all of which reflected optimism and growth. Forty-one new members had been added during the year, making a total of 573. Church attendance showed a large increase over the preceeding years. All bills had been paid and the $800 pledged to the Missionary board paid in full, as well as a generous response to the Loyalty campaign.

The Bible School report showed that the attendance had increased over 50% since the adoption of the Cross and Crown reward system. The enrollment of the school was given as 283. Credit was also given to the orchestra of 24 pieces which rendered valued service during the year. The church has been blessed through the service of a large chorus of 30 voices, and a most faithful and efficient organist. The report of the Ladies' Circle and the Plymouth Guild, Christian Endeavor Society and Men's Club, showed that all departments of the church were active in charity and relief work and in social activities. Rev. C. H. Stevens was elected Pastor Emeritus to take effect as soon as a new minister is called.

OAKLAND—FIRST. A special committee on an Easter membership campaign has been appointed. The campaign is to open February 10th with a dinner, at which Superintendent Gill will speak on "Modern Church Evangelism." This discussion will also be continued on Wednesday, February 17th, when assignment of cards to workers will be made, looking toward an increase of membership at Easter. The young people's forum of the church is discussing a number of phases of the temperance and prohibition question during February and March.

SUNOL. The Sunday School, which was reopened in September, has an enrollment of 44, six teachers and officers and 38 pupils. Special programs were given at Hallowe'en, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Miss Cora E. Mason, a student at Pacific School of Religion, is in charge.

HAYWARD. More than a hundred members and friends gathered for the annual church family dinner. The address of the evening was delivered by Rev. Tom Watt ,of Park Church, Berkeley, on the subject, "The Fun of being a County Constable." Rev. R. C. Day is the pastor.

SAN CARLOS. At the annual meeting the last bill of the year was met, and increased subscriptions made for the coming year. A number of new members have been received. The pledge for benevolence has been increasd. Rev. R. B. Cherington is the pastor.

STOCKTON. Rev. John R. Hahn, the pastor, is preaching a series of Sunday morning sermons on the subjects "The Church Nobody Knows," "The Book Nobody Knows," "The Soul Nobody Knows," and "The Society Nobodys Knows."

TULARE. A total of 25 new members were received in 1931, and the congregations have received an increasing growth. Rev. R. B. Whitaker is the pastor.

LODI. Every department of the church made steady growth during the year, according to reports at the annual meeting which was attended by about 250 people. Supervisors of visitation and social work were created to unify the various departments. The budget for 1932 was subscribed. A roof for Plymouth Hall is provided for and the pulpit platform has been remodeled. Not once during the past year has there been a deficit in the church finances. The people are happy under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. E. T. Sherman.

Mrs. Sherman, wife of our Lodi pastor, recently delivered a lecture on "Secrets of the Clay Workers," and gave an exhibition of her own work at the Haggin Galleries in Stockton.

Twenty new members were received during the year. The senior Endeavor Society was awarded the County banner for highest accomplishments during the last quarter.

SANTA CRUZ. A reception to Rev. H. S. Mahood and his wife featured the annual dinner and business meeting of the church. Beautiful decorations graced the tables and the church auditorium. Two hundred or more persons attended. A total of 38 new members were received during the year ,a gain of 19. The average attendance at the morning services was 193 and in the evening 653. The pastor reported more than 1500 calls during the year. The Diamond Jubilee of the church will be observed during the fall of 1932.

NILES. Superintendent Gill was the speaker at the annual meeting, which was held on January 31st. An increase of 35% in the enrollment of the Sunday School has been made during the past year. A young people's society has been organized, which meets bi-weekly with an average attendance of about 30. The current expenses and benevolence pledge of the church were met in full. Mr. E. G. Brinkmeyer, a student at Pacific School of Religion, is the pastor.

ALAMEDA. On Sunday evening January 31st, in spite of heavy rain, over 200 persons were present to enjoy the third Seth Parker program given by Rev. Gail Cleland and his choir. It is reported that a real spiritual message is gotten over to the people and enjoyed by them. The church closed its year without deficit and with all bills paid.

ANGEL'S CAMP. At the annual meeting a total of 18 new members for the year was reported. The Sunday School, including cradle roll, now has a membership of 111, and the Christian Endeavor society an enrollmen of 22. The church closed the year free from debt. Rev. J. T. Munton is the pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO—FIRST. Dr. Kerrison Juniper, the pastor, is using the questions sent out by the committee on Social Relations of the Conference as the basis of his discussions at the Wednesday evening meeting. At the close of the discussion he takes a vote of those present.

SAN FRANCISCO — GRACE TRINITY CENTER UNITED CHURCH. This church is joining with the Temple Methodist church in bringing to San Francisco Rev. George Wood Anderson, who is to lead a crusade of Evangelism.

SACRAMENTO. Mr. Harry E. Tyler, dean of the Junior College, tells of a church member who deplored the fact that his boys do not attend church as regularly as he did. The question was asked of this father: When you were a boy didn't your parents take you to church? He replied in the affirmative. There lies the difference: go yourself with your boy and see if he does not like it. The pastor, Rev. Lawrence Wilson, related that a minister once spoke at a funeral more truly than he intended when he said: "This corpse has been a member of this church for many years." He wonders how many of our church members are really dead.

The church reported a net gain of 48 members for the year, at the annual meeting, bringing the total from 534 to 582.

EUREKA. The church has just completed the installation of a new heating plant at a cost of about $800. This follows within a year the painting of the building and the adding of new social rooms.

The cornerstone was recently laid for the new chapel at Table Bluff, where Mrs. Florence L. Hunter has been in charge of a Sunday School for the Indians. The chapel is to be 18 by 36 feet, and will accommodate all of the residents of the vicinity. The local chapter of the D. A. R. and the Congregational Missionary Society were instrumental in securing the money for the building. Rev. Charles H. Hudson of the Eureka Church was in charge of the cornerstone-laying ceremonies.

SALIDA. Fifty persons attended the annual meeting, of whom twenty were young people who enthusiastically participated in the session. The attendance at the Sunday School since October has averaged about 75. This church is distinguished by the fact that it has about as many male as female members, and half of them are twenty-five years old or younger. Rev. Jessie Getty Heath is the pastor.

PESCADERO. Rev. J. L. Rollins has succeeded in enlisting a number of the leading people of the community in the reorganized Sunday School and Church. A number of repairs on the property have been made. Solicitation for the financial support of the work is meeting with encouraging results.

MODOC INDIAN. Miss Mary Coxhead has returned to her work after her recent illness, but has been unable to visit Fort Bidwell for her regular appointments on account of bad roads. She has had very encouraging attendance at Alturas and Likely.

FRESNO—JAPANESE. The Christian Endeavor Society joined with the Epworth League of the Methodist church in presenting Kagawa's motion picture "A Grain of Wheat." A very large audience attended. Mr. S. Nakayama is the pastor.

OAKLAND—PILGRIM. In order to avoid a deficit the pastor, Rev. C. H. Cleaves, raised $300 from people outside of the church. In spite of bad weather the Sunday School attendance averaged 154 for the month.

LOLETA. There is no longer a church organization, but the Ladies' Aid Society keeps up the church property, which is used for Sunday School, Library, and Community House.

MARTINEZ. The church at Martinez experienced 1931 as one of the best years in its history, closing the year with all bills paid. All departments of the church have prospered, both spiritually and materially. The young people of the Christian Endeavor societies have been the source of spiritual power. The ladies of this church are a real aid. They have not only raised over $1,000 toward the budget of the church, but have together with other members, helped to supply many needy families with food and clothing. The four years under the leadership of Rev. Harvey V. Miller have indeed been successful. His sermons have proven an ever-increasing help to his audiences. As a pastor he is a friend of all and loved by the whole community.

SEBASTOPOL. The annual meeting of the Sebastopol church was encouraging. The seven long tables were well filled; the reports from all departments showed progress. The Sunday School and Christian Endeavor work is especially worthy of mention. At the recent Christian Endeavor training institute for seven counties held in San Rafael, Sebastopol was well represented. The Pastor, Rev. George E. Atkinson, was on the Faculty, and spoke twice, There were 268 delegates present.

Declarations from the Burbank experiment gardens recently attracted much attention at the Sebastopol church. Mr. J. Keil, manager of the station, and his family are attendants and workers in the church.

BERKELEY—FIRST. Rev. O. W. S. McCall, the pastor, recently returned from delivering a series of addresses in Seattle. On several of these occasions considerable number of students of the University of Washington were present. During February Dr. McCall is devoting much time to promoting evangelism among our churches of the conference. On account of the tremendous amount of work involved, the church magazine, the Arrow, will be discontinued.

ALTURAS. Rev. Horton Colbert, the pastor, has been granted a leave of absence to complete his studies for a degree. Rev. and Mrs. James E. Enman are living in the parsonage and serving the church during the interim. Mrs. Colbert continues the county social service work.

PARADISE. To the astonishment and delight of all, this church closed the year without deficit, even though fruit growers were hard hit by the depression. Mrs. Annie Winslow, long a friend of our Conference, is spending the winter here at her old home.

WHY AN EMPTY CHURCH?

Edgar A. Guest says in his poem, "The Layman":

"When you see a church that's
empty, tho it's doors are
open wide,
It's not the church that's dying
but laymen who have died.
only that the church's work
is done,
But the laymen of the country
For it's not by song or sermon
who for God must carry on."

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An Outstanding Event

We read in the Gospels of an active and resourceful Martha and an attractive eager Mary who ministered to Christ in the Bethany home. We read also in one of Christ's Parables of the leaven hid in the measure of meal which energized the whole. At the Ninth Annual Meeting of the Federation of Congregational Women of Northern California in the First Church, Oakland, we found parallel cases for all three united into one. In Mrs. C. T. Tinker, our president, we saw the energetic Martha, the thoughtful Mary, and throughout the meetings her influence was felt, similar to the leaven hidden in the meal, her wisdom and her winsomeness recognized. The program for the meetings was, as usual, prepared by our efficient Mrs. W. W. Ferrier.

After the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer had been read and approved, showing our material and financial house to be in the best of condition, the name of Miss Helen Perkins appeared on the program. Everyone immediately sat at attention, knowing that something good and unusual would be forthcoming, and we were not disappointed.

Movies

Miss Perkins showed us moving pictures, using the audience as her machine, herself as the reel. Quickly, in imagination, we visualized, with her help, the beginning of the Fort Berthold Mission in 1876, with the Indians, wrapped in their blankets waiting at the wharf to greet their first missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Hall. Later a new church was flashed before our eyes that cast $5,500, $1,500 of which was raised by the Indians themselves. Seven other churches, which the Indians had helped to build, were also portrayed upon our imaginary screen, and hundreds of acres of land which the Indians cultivated and on which they raised all their supplies.

The Filipino film was a blank because we have no worker now for the little brown men from the Islands in the Pacific.

A third film showed a tortuous, twisting mountain road with but six inches clearance on the side and a dizzy dop below. Rev. Robert J. Allen and his Chevrolet follow this road week after week, OUR MISSIONARY, as he travels from Hayfork to Lewiston and Weaverville with his message of cheer and goodwill. And if, perchance, another can is met, he must slowly retrace his steps and begin his difficult ascent all over again.

Snap shots from the Departmental Secretaries

Mrs. Byrne reports 7 new gifts for the **Thank Offering** Department from Associations never before contributing, one being our Chinese Church.

The **Hospitality** Committee, Miss L. A. Walker reporting for Mrs. E. V. Krick, gave interesting facts about the way our missionaries were met when arriving in San Francisco.

Our **Social Relations** Committee advised us where to go to secure literature bearing upon that subject, especially on the two Ps, Peace and Prohibition. Mrs. E. B. Mead, Chairman.

From our **Speakers' Bureau** we learned that Mrs. C. C. Harmon was eager to provide speakers for any churches desiring them.

The **Social Welfare** Secretary, Mrs. W. G. Lenfestey, overawed us by the amount of work she had done. Eighty-five letters had been sent out since January 1, 1932. Seventeen Christmas boxes were sent in 1931 to India, while the grand total in money received was $2,132.79. Warning! Never disregard Mrs. Lenfestey's letters. It means extra letters must be written, with additional expense and time.

Money Talked vociferously when Mrs. Gail Cleland, in her vivacious way, took us all on a trip around the world to demonstrate how even small amounts could work wonders in our Home and Foreign fields. Even such mundane things as soap, combs and plows (and "Believe it or not," these plows, bought for $4.50 can be carried on men's shoulders in some countries, to the great advantage of the farmer, whose little plots of ground are not close together) have a far reaching effect upon our workers, as every missionary can attest.

Friday afternoon a **Seminar** was conducted by Mrs. Chauncey J. Hawkins, the subject being "The Character and Scope of a Church Woman's Organization."

Four different women participated. Mrs. C. A. Kofoid stressed the home and church side of women's activities, urging greater flexibility of organization, variety of interests and many leaders for different phases of work. Mrs. Ernest Evans gave a very comprehensive outline regarding Congregational Benevolences and our work at home and abroad. Mrs. Lawrence Wilson pointed out our duty to the Community, urging our support in every way possible of those things that contribute to the health and welfare of the town or city in which we live. Mrs. William Thorsen closed the Seminar with a discussion of world problems stressing especially the two subjects of world wide interest today, Peace and Prohibition. Many spoke from the floor, the time being all too short for those who wished to take part.

President's Message. Mrs. C. T. Tinker's message, that followed, was full of encouragement, hope and faith.

Dr. R. C. Waddell closed the meeting with a very beautiful and helpful devotional service.

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Highlights From the Reports Of the Association Presidents

Central. Round Robin letter circulated, each group adding information as to what it had accomplished, listing programs and variety of way in which money had been raised.

Sacramento. Great activity in all the churches. One church with only 45 members held 20 meetings, 9 being missionary, with two Thank Offerings. This group filled its social quota and raised $529. This was the Paradise Church.

In the Sacramento Church, Mrs. Lawrence Wilson, the pastor's wife, has been elected Director of Religious Education and the church school is flourishing. A young Japanese girl born and brought up in Sacramento, a member of the Sunday School, is now an opera singer and scheduled to sing the role of Madame Butterfly in Paris.

San Joaquin. Six cooperating churches in this Association and widely scattered, but all doing excellent work. In Fresno First the Thank Offering was the largest this year ever received. Their full apportionment was also raised, and their Friendly Relations Committee entertained Japanese, Armenian and German church members at various times.

Santa Clara. Redwood City raised $95 at a most successful luncheon and has done twice as much Red Cross and Social Service work as usual. In Palo Alto a savings account was started for a new church and the apportionment of $785 raised.

At Saratoga there has been the greatest cooperation between the church, the Catholic church, Community Chest, the Men's and Women's Clubs. In Santa Cruz all but $350 has been raised here toward the $6,000 for a new organ. In San Jose teas were served every day from 3 to 5 for the employed.

Sonoma. Petaluma gives monthly teas, not for the purpose of raising money, but for friendliness.

Upper Bay. Although three churches in this Association are cared for by Missionary funds, all have filled their Social Welfare quotas 100%, five sending real Thank Offerings, Rio Vista and Benicia being outstanding in their accomplishments. Benicia sent in three times as much for Thank Offering as ever before. Port Chicago sent a Social Service quota for the first time.

Humboldt. Eureka, with only 45 members, put a new $800 furnace in the church, earning all the money for this new improvement.

East Bay and West Bay. The various Associations in these districts are doing well and raising their quotas in different ways. Aided by the San Francisco "Chronicle" Bethany Mission Park, the United Church, gave a Christmas party, at which 300 children were given orders for new sweaters and new pairs of shoes. Calvary Armenian Ladies' Aid entertained 50 delegates in their homes serving lunch and dinner at the church each day as well.

Delegates from 42 different churches attended the two days' meetings.

Six Hundred Pounds of Dried Fruit for Fort Berthold. Owing to the eighteen months of drought, followed by a visitation of grasshoppers, the Indians of our Fort Berthold Station were unable to raise their food supplies as usual. They were forced to call for help and many responded. Our women had already sent 200 pounds of dried fruit, and during the Annual Meeting 390 pounds more was brought in and sent. It is impossible to thank personally all who contributed as their names were not left. We wish, however, to express the deep gratitude of the Federation for this timely response. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Masterly Address of Far Reaching Importance

Dr. Walter John Sherman, pas
of the First Methodist Church, Oa
land, formerly of the Temple Chur
San Francisco ,and one of the stro
est preachers in that city, gave
closing address Thursday on "M
tary Fallacies and Pacifist Dream

Dr. Sherman urged every one w
wished to be well informed to re
"Origins of the World War" by P
fessor Sydney B. Fay, a Macmill
publication. To discuss the subject
telligently we must understand
five points emphasized therein th
caused the World War, name
1. Secret Alliances. 2. Militaris
3. Nationalism. 4. Economic Imp
ialism. 5. Newspaper Propoganda.

Points Emphasized

The same deplorable fallacies
operative again today.

There is no stronger desire
peace today than at any other tin

Five and one-half million men
serving in the armies of the world
present.

Five billions were spent for the
spective military machines of
world in 1930.

Dr. Sherman quoted from Sir E
ward Gray, Frederick Maurice a
others, to show their opinions in
gard to armaments, expressing th
conviction that preparation for w
only helped to plunge all nations in
the war they feared. Field Marsh
Haig of the World War has said, "T
business of the Christian church
to make my business impossible."

Dr. Sherman referred to certain
marks by retired Admiral Mitch
of the Aviation Corps, in the S
Francisco Chronicle for January 21
telling how the United States cou
descend on Japan and crush her a
asked how that would look tran
lated and copied into Japanese pape
the following morning.

Men, he said, have far less time
read, think and study about war a
disarmament problems than wome
Will our women accept the challenge
They must be informed and throw
their strength and influence again
this nefarious business, believing wi
David Starr Jordan that "human n
ture changes very slowly but vie
points very quickly," as seen in o
present opinions regarding duellin
gladiatorial contests, witchcraft, sla
ery and other evils. It is the wom
to whom we must look for inform
tion and inspiration. Will they ri
to the challenge? They must not fa
us.

The Ministers Wives Hold a Mo
Enjoyable Meeting at Mrs. Harl
Gill's Home.

Although a multiplicity of meetin
were scheduled for January, thirt
three members gathered at Mrs. Ha
ley Gill's hospitable home on Januar
19. The appetizing and abundant lu
cheon, wholly prepared in Mrs. Gil
kitchen, was arranged by Mrs. Wi
liam C. Day, assisted by Mrs. Ralp
C. Waddell. Our guests were Mr
Charles T. Tinker, President of th
Women's Federation, who spoke
the aims and methods of the organ
zation; Mrs. T. E. Borden, a pa
President; Mrs. Elmer Benedict, r
cently come to the North Congreg
tional Church, Berkeley; Mrs. H.
Evans, representing the Pacific Scho
of Religion; Mrs. Florence Mills a
her daughter Miss Carol Mills. Mi
Mills delighted all present with h
violin solos; she was accompanied
her mother. Messages of love a
sympathy were sent to members wh
were ill: Mrs. George Adams, belove
by all, as well as Mrs. Robert Walke
both of whom were sorely misse
from the gathering. A message wa
also sent to Mrs. Miles B. Fisher, wh
recently moved to Southern Cal
fornia. Mrs. Oswald W. S. McCall, th
President, presided.

Mrs. Julia S. Visher, secretar